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SUBJECT: REACTION TO ISRAELI-SYRIAN AGREEMENT

1. CANADIAN EDITORIAL REACTION TO ISRAELI-SYRIAN
DISENGAGEMENT HAS BEEN OVERWHELMINGLY ENTHUSIASTIC,
BOTH FOR THE AGREEMENT ITSELF AND FOR THE SECRETARY'S
ROLE IN ACHIEVING IT. OTTAWA JORNAL EDITORIAL TITLE
"DAWN IN THE MIDDLE EAST" CALLS DISENGAGEMENT A "HOPE
FOR PEACE". "FOR THIS THE WORLD OWES DEVOUT THANKS TO
US SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER." MONTREAL GAZETTE SAYS:
" IT WAS A STUNNING ACHIEVEMENT, UNDOUBTEDLY A CLIMAX IN
A BRILLIANT CAREER. HENRY KISSINGER... HAS CONVINCED
EVEN SKEPTICS THAT HIS NOBEL PEACE PRIZE, IF PREMATURE,
IS NOW DESERVED."

2. MOST EDITORIALS, HOWEVER, WARN OF PROBLEMS STILL AHEAD.
TORONTO GLOBE AND MAIL SAYS "THE ENTHUSIASM AROUSED BY
THE SUCCESS OF SECRETARY KISSINGER.. IS A MEASURE OF
PROBLEMS THAT STILL LIE IN THE WAY OF PEACE." OTTAWA
CITIZEN NOTES "IT IS DOUBLY GOOD THAT DISENGAGEMENT
REACHED... THANKS TO PATIENT WORK OF U.S. SECRETARY
OF STATE KISSINGER AT TIME WHEN A NEW GOVERNMENT
HAS BEEN FORMED IN ISRAEL," BUT ADDS "THERE IS NO
ASSURANCE YET THAT NEW GOVERNMENT WILL SURVIVE FOR LONG."

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